

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed March 3, 2003, in the above-referenced application. Applicants are concurrently filing an Appeal Brief and offer the proposed claim amendments to place the application into better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 6 and 10 are amended to correct an apparent typographical error. In particular, Claims 6 and 10 are amended to depend from process claim 13, and not composition claim 1. Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing claim amendments. The amendments do not raise new issues for consideration by the Examiner. The subject matter of the amended claims has been before the Examiner throughout prosecution. In addition, the amendment places the claims into better condition for consideration on appeal because the amendment corrects an apparent typographical error in the dependency of the claims.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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